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# NORWOOD GREEN VILLAGE NEWS

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THE PEAR TREE

## Chair Report from the NGVHCT

Hello everyone,

Finally, I can sit at my window and see sunshine whilst writing this message to Newsletter readers. I know that we all feel the problems that are facing us in one way or another, not least the war in Ukraine, but we can only be grateful to live in our lovely village and count our blessings.

I hope you all like our new look driveway into the Village Hall which has made access more safe. Work not visible when passing, Steve Wall has made necessary repairs to the fabric of the building after heavy rains and storms, so we should be safe and warm for classes and meetings.

If you are thinking of joining a class or planning on having a family event don't forget to check on information in this edition.

Throughout the past couple of years the social aspect of village living has taken a hit but, to give it a kick-start, we are opening the Village Hall for a Strawberry Fair on 9<sup>th</sup> July with delicious strawberry teas to tempt you as well as gifts to buy and a magnificent raffle. There will be fizz for fun lovers, so please come along between 2.00 and 4.00 on the day and let Summer begin.

Carole Dent  
Chair, Norwood Green Village Hall Charitable Trust

## Chair Report from the CIC

Hello to you all and welcome to the Summer edition of the Norwood Green News

We are hoping to end the summer with a Village Get Together. We are looking at trying to bring back the Residents Cricket match but make it a more inclusive day with games for all. It is hoped we can put on a day to include softball matches for all age groups, and petanque but still try and include a shorter versioned cricket match if possible.

## Hall Classes and Contact Details

**Monday Afternoon Tea & Coffee** 14:00 to 15.30  
Volunteers 07938 975258

**Monday Evening Gentle Keep Fit (except every 3rd Monday in the month) Please note class only runs October to March** 19:30 - 20:30  
Veronica Flint Williams 07785 248599

**Monday Evening Art Circle (Every 3rd Monday of the month)** 19:30-21:30  
Walter Smith 01535 275115

**Tuesday Evening Dru Yoga Class (Except Second Tuesday in every Month)** 18:00-20:00 Class teacher Estelle Mulcahy 07812 117457

**Wednesday Morning Yoga Class** 09:30 to 11.00  
Class teacher Vivienne Stott 07761 952925

**Wednesday Afternoon Optimal Mental Health. Pilates Yoga Wellbeing** 17:00-18:00 Mark Thomas 07790 024776

**Wednesday Evening Beginners Ballet** 18:30 to 19:30  
Kay Radcliffe 07970 212858

**Wednesday Evening Ballet for Adults** 19:30 to 20:30  
Kay Radcliffe 07970 212858

**Thursday Morning Baby Yoga (Term Times Only)** 10:00 to 11:00  
Karen O'Hanlon 07815 746693

**Thursday Morning Baby Sensory Stretch (Term Times Only)** 11:15 to 12:15 Karen O'Hanlon 07815 746693

**Thursday Morning Baby Massage** 13:00 to 14:00  
Karen O'Hanlon 07815 746693

**Thursday Evening Table Tennis** 19:30 to 21:00 Villagers  
07938 975258

**Friday Morning Baby Yoga (Term Times Only)** 10:00 to 11.00  
Karen O'Hanlon 07815 746693

**Saturday Morning Dru Yoga Class (Every third Saturday of the Month)** 09:30-11:30 Leanne de Courcy 07949 238945

## Scones

I read that one of the secrets of a good scone is not to use fine, conventional flour but stone-ground, unbleached white flour that still contains the natural wheat oils. Well it might be worth a try but I imagine that any scone freshly made will be yummy. Many of you will remember Winnie Oddy who was well known both for her scones and for keeping the village piccalilli recipe going with much help from village friends. Her scone recipe is fairly usual but Winnie said one day just as she was about to put some scones in the oven she had a long chat on the phone. When she went back to the scones they had already started to rise and ended up much lighter and better than ever.

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We are looking at a few sites in the Village to see where we can best put on such an event. The intention is to have drinks and food on sale and maybe a bit of live music towards the end of the day. The intention is to try and raise a few more quid towards the CIC projects but more importantly get as many Residents as possible together for a fun day out. The date in the diary is Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August, we will keep you updated through our e-mail and social media platforms.

In other news the Vote to implement the Auto Speed Watch cameras was overwhelmingly voted for. As I write the Highway signs have been erected and the Speed Cameras are being installed. Let's hope this is the beginning of the end for the Anti-Social driving which has plagued the Village for a number of years.

Finally, it was also agreed at the latest Open Meeting and with Online votes to dissolve the Norwood Green Residents Association as an organisation. A number of points were raised into improving the CIC, one of which was to change its name to recognise the history of the Norwood Green Residents Association. The directors will be looking into this and if possible, will forward some proposals.

May we wish you a very happy Summer and look forward to seeing you on August 28<sup>th</sup> (Venue permitting)

All the best,  
Jonathan Dent  
Chair, Norwood Green Better Place CIC

**To register for regular updates please add your details at the following link <http://norwoodgreen.org/register>** For those that do not know we now have a brand-new website up and running [www.norwoodgreen.org](http://www.norwoodgreen.org)

If you wish to bring any matters to our attention, you can do so by attending the Village Meetings or e-mailing us at our NEW e-mail address [betterplacetolive@norwoodgreen.org](mailto:betterplacetolive@norwoodgreen.org)

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## SUMMER QUIZ

1. 'The First Day of Summer' is an annual public holiday celebrated in which European country in April?
2. Can you give the first line of Grease's 'Summer Nights' lyrics?
3. The Summer Palace is a vast ensemble of palaces, gardens and lakes in which world city?
4. Who met and fell in love with Marge Bouvier in a 1974 summer camp?
5. In the famous nursery rhyme what did the Queen of Hearts make 'all on a summer's day'?
6. Who hosted the summer Olympics in 2004?
7. 'Shall I compare thee to a summer's day' is the first line of a sonnet by which famous English playwright?
8. Which summertime smell is said to elicit happy memories in humans?

### Answers

1. Iceland
2. Summer loving had me a blast
3. Beijing
4. John F Kennedy
5. Some tarts
6. Athens
7. William Shakespeare
8. The smell of freshly cut grass.

## Strawberry Jam

If you're one of the people who wonders why you can't get your jam to set the way you would like— don't panic Mr. Mannering. If you've made jam but would like to know a bit more about the process maybe these few tips will help.

Unless you use pectin it may well not set very firm. But I've always found this a good thing. The slightly softer set rather than a stiff, more chewy texture means the flavour is so much better; to be technical the jam coats the tongue better.

I always add lemon juice as this helps a set but also stops it being over sweet. Use sound, really fresh fruit and cook as soon as you get it home. Preserving sugar is not essential, it just gives a clearer preserve. Jam sugar has added pectin and should ensure a firmer set but the jam may not keep as long as a preserve made with ordinary granulated sugar. What you are doing with the traditional process of the open pan is evaporating liquid; if you use jam sugar it will set before all the moisture has evaporated. You can cook small fruit whole and cut larger ones into quarters. Then once you have softened the fruit (10 mins, without added water) just crush it lightly to preserve pieces of strawberry or crush firmly if you like a real jam.

A rolling boil is just small bubbles. Any froth on the top is also just bubbles and usually disperses with a gentle stir once the jam is cooked and has been left to settle for 5 mins., no need to remove it. Once it gets near to setting point— and the saucer test is still as good as any— you can hear the mixture starting to make more of a plopping sound instead of a quiet roll. This is the bubbles starting to get bigger as the liquid evaporates so the jam thickens. It will also leave a ring round the pan as the mix reduces to a lower level. It will also darken.

Do test for a set early, you can overcook your jam, and then it will not set at all. Better to have it slightly soft and tasty. It will firm up once it has been in the jar for a couple of days, but do keep it cool and in the dark. Once opened store in the fridge and use within 3 months.

If it is really runny you can try and reboil if you didn't give it very long but keep an eye on testing for a set. If you feel all has failed still don't worry, you can use the delicious tasting stuff for all sorts of other uses. Mix some in with any other fruit when making a crumble, red plums are really good with it; use for a bread and butter pudding- try brioche instead of bread; mix in with another stiffer jam to fill a Victoria sandwich cake.

## Lovage Soup (Or you can use fennel)

I always make this soup in early summer as it's delicious made with young lovage leaves but you can also use a bulb of fennel or celery.

The leaves of this perennial herb are ideal for adding to salads, soups, stews and potato dishes.

In Ukraine, lovage is an aphrodisiac. Traditionally, brew from the lovage leaves has been used for rinsing hair to attract men with the beautiful smell from the plant.

### Ingredients

Large knob of butter  
 2 shallots or 1 onion finely diced  
 1 large potato diced  
 1 pint of veg stock  
 ½ pint of milk  
 Handful of lovage chopped (or 1 fennel bulb and leaves diced)

### Method

Fry the shallots or onion in a medium saucepan with the butter until softened but not coloured.  
 Add diced potato (and fennel if using) and fry for 2 more minutes.  
 Add the stock and cook for 10 minutes  
 Add the milk and lovage and cook for a further 10 minutes until the vegetables are tender.  
 Blend a little, so it is still a bit textured.

Many thanks to Sue Wood for this lovely summer recipe

## STRAWBERRY FAIR

In the village hall  
 Saturday 9th July  
 2.00 pm till 4.00

Strawberry teas!  
 Raffles!  
 Strawberry gifts!



The last strawberry fair was some time ago now but as it was so popular and a good time was had by all it seems a good idea to do it again! It will be suitable for all ages and everyone is most welcome to come along to the hall and enjoy a pleasant afternoon with lashings of strawberry stuff! Sunshine would be nice but whatever the weather it should be another great, carefree summer day.

Tickets £5, to be sold at the door, will include a choice of strawberry teas, and a hot drink. Teas will include a mix from cakes, scones, strawberries and cream etc. Other drinks will also be available as part of several raffle prizes. There will also be a small stall with gift items for sale, all with a strawberry theme.

We hope many of you will be able to come and we look forward to seeing you there.

All proceeds will go to the hall trust, NGVHCT  
 (Charity number 1110754)

Contact: Carole Dent Linda Webster Claire Webb

## Local History

The Norwood Green  
Council Offices

I wonder how many people in Norwood Green will be aware that the village once had its own Council Offices? Prior to 1922 the Norwood Green Parish Council rented an office building but following the death of one of the council members, James Bottomley Watkinson, his father Samuel Watkinson of Shelf Hall purchased the building and gave it to the council. We are told that the building was called 'The Watkinson Memorial Offices' and that photographs of both Watkinsons were on display in the council room.

James Bottomley Watkinson died at Coley House on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1922 aged 43 years leaving over £61,000. He was the eldest son of Samuel Watkinson of Shelf Hall and "was associated with a number of business enterprises." His will has the interesting instruction that before burial a surgeon should ascertain by actual surgical operation that he was definitely dead! He was buried at Coley and before his death at least three of his children were baptised there. The Watkinson family grave at Coley has a large and impressive monument which can be seen from the road.

So where were the 'The Watkinson Memorial Offices?' In 1911 the building (then being rented) was single storey with a clerk's office and small board room along with a small scullery and outside loo. We believe that the building was later a library and that a second storey was added later on. The hall ceased to be used as a public building many years ago and became a private house. It is sited across from the village hall.

Ben Stables (shelfhalifax.wordpress.com)

Many thanks to Ben for keeping us up to date with local information.

The trust is still looking to fill this post. If you consider it is something you might be able to offer help with please do get in touch.

## Treasurer for the Trust

The Board of Trustees of the Village Hall Trust are looking for someone to take on the role of Treasurer to the Trust. The current Treasurer has been doing the job since the inception of the Trust in 2005 and wishes to retire.

### **Is there any resident who would be interested in taking on this role?**

The bookkeeping is a simple spreadsheet recording income received and payments made.

The role includes:

- Collecting payments for hire of the hall and banking receipts.
- Make any payments.
- Record financial transactions.
- At the year end, 31<sup>st</sup> March, prepare the annual accounts for approval by the independent examiner, the committee and the membership at the AGM.
- Submit gift aid claim.
- Negotiate with utilities consultant at the end of a contract.
- File the Charity Commission annual return.
- Attend Trustees meetings – 4 per year.

Other items that occur intermittently.

As an estimate it might take 2-3 hours each month, with a bit longer for the year end accounts.

This is an important and very necessary role within the Norwood Green community so we do hope that someone will volunteer to take it on.

If you are interested please contact the Chair of the trustees, Carole Dent – contact details within the newsletter.